

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Fabrice Geiger et al.

Serial No.: 09/701,065

Filed: February 12, 2001

For: METHODS FOR FORMING
SELF-PLANARIZED DIELECTRIC
LAYER FOR SHALLOW TRENCH ISOLATION

Examiner: Duda, Kathleen

Art Unit: 1756

Conf. No. 7160

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**RECEIVED**
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SIR: Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been
established by
a verified statement previously submitted.A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is
enclosed.☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims	* 23	Minus	** 27	0
Indep. Claims	* 3	Minus	*** 5	0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s)				

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write "0" in Col. 3.** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS
SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.*** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this
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originally filed.

SMALL ENTITY

Rate	Additional Fee
x9	\$
x42	\$
+140	\$
Total Add. Fee	\$

OTHER THAN A
SMALL ENTITY

Rate	Additional Fee
x18	\$ 0
x84	\$ 0
+280	\$
Total Add. Fee	\$ 0

_____ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached for presentation of additional claim(s).

_____ Applicant(s) hereby Petition(s) for an Extension of Time of _____ month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

_____ A check for \$ _____ is attached for processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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Respectfully submitted,

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)
3. ADDITIONAL FEES

<u>Large Entity</u>		<u>Small Entity</u>		<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Fee Paid</u>
<u>Fee Code</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Code</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1813	8,800	1813	8,800	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for response within first month	
1252	400	2252	200	Extension for response within second month	
1253	920	2253	460	Extension for response within third month	
1254	1,440	2254	720	Extension for response within fourth month	
1255	1,960	2255	980	Extension for response within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,280	2453	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,280	2501	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	460	2502	230	Design issue fee	
1503	620	2503	310	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	180.00
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	740	2809	370	For filing a submission after final rejection	
1814	110	2814	55	Statutory Disclaimer	
1810	740	2810	370	For each additional invention to be examined	
1801	740	2801	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
1504	300	1504	300	Publication fee for early, voluntary, or normal publication	
1505	300	1505	300	Publication fee for republication	
1803	130	1803	130	Request for voluntary publication or republication	
1808	130	1808	130	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) (except provisionals)	
1454	1,280	1454	1,280	Acceptance of unintentionally delayed claim for priority	
Other: _____					
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*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) \$ 180.00

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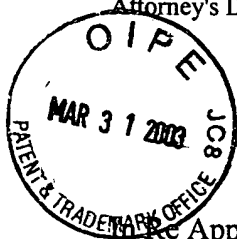
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 26, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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